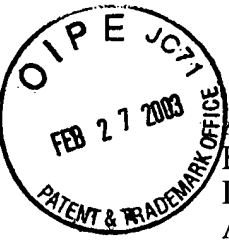


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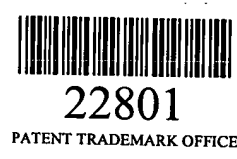
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Claims 1-46 are pending and are listed as follows:

1. An blending method comprising:

providing a set of examples that pertain to a shape or motion that is to be animated, the examples being provided relative to a multi-dimensional abstract space;

selecting a point within the multi-dimensional abstract space that does not coincide with a point that is associated with any of the examples, the selected point corresponding to a shape or motion within the abstract space;

computing a single weight value for each of the examples; and



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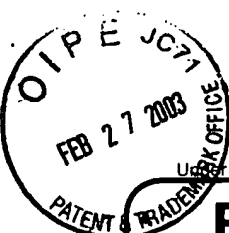
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